



# Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Business Leadership Coalition

## Statement of Intent/Objectives/Operating Principles

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1. To focus on promotion of the Greening the Supply Chain™ Initiative, through the creation of products, processes and services with improved impacts on human health and the environment.
2. To work in a transparent manner and to collaborate with group purchasing organizations (GPOs), hospitals and one another to bring about progress in the understanding and use of environmentally preferable products, services and processes.
3. To assume a role of active engagement in the environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP) process, creating and building upon progress made.
4. To closely examine the supply chains utilized by our own companies in an effort to identify practices, processes, materials or social considerations that may impact the products offered to the health care sector; and to share Business Leadership Coalition member best practices in our journey toward environmentally preferable products, processes and services in an effort to bring about positive change both internally and externally.

### Objectives

1. Endeavor to identify materials of concern and facilitate evaluation of alternatives that may reduce or eliminate the environmental impact.
2. Work to enable and promote effective approaches to reduce environmental product lifecycle impacts: Assess and reduce environmental impact at each stage of the lifecycle.
  - a. Material extraction and sourcing
  - b. End-use impact
  - c. Production process
  - d. Impact during use

3. Delivery formats (for both objectives):
  - a. Provide clarity within industry (education, metrics, etc.)
  - b. Outreach to help others (GPOs, etc.)
  - c. Creating standards

### **Operating Principles**

- Members of the EPP Business Leadership Coalition are committed to reporting results of their efforts relative to Coalition objectives on an annual basis.
- Members will endeavor to identify and address challenges associated with creating environmentally preferable products in an effort to create meaningful dialogue and collaborate on potential solutions to overcome such barriers.
- Coalition members will work with GPOs and hospitals to identify potential expansions to EPP criteria and elements.
- Members of the Coalition will work with Practice Greenhealth, GPOs and hospitals in an effort to contribute to an ever-expanding knowledge base that is readily accessible to those within the health care sector.
- Members of the EPP Business Leadership Coalition will endeavor to assist with growing the membership.

### **Antitrust Statement:**

EPP Business Leadership Coalition members will not engage in discussions that could unreasonably restrain competition in violation of the antitrust or competition laws of any federal, state or local government. In particular, but without limitations, members will not discuss or enter into understandings or agreements as to the price, the production, or the distribution of their products, or other agreements, which unreasonably restrict competition, nor will they exchange any competitively sensitive data of any kind. EPP Business Leadership Coalition members may not act in concert to restrict the competitive capabilities or opportunities of their competitors, their suppliers, or their customers. If any member has a reservation concerning remarks or discussion at an EPP Business Leadership Coalition meeting, the member should officially state the reservation; if the discussion is not terminated or resolved satisfactorily, the member should declare that he is leaving the meeting and should then leave the meeting.